“This shall be the law of the Metzora on the day of his purification: he shall be brought to the Kohen.”

Vayikra 14:2

The Mishna in Negaim 3:1 says a qualified person can examine the nega (skin affliction) but only a kohen can render the verdict whether the person is tamei or tahor. The Mishna in Negaim 3:5 also says that a kohen can examine anyone’s affliction except his own because one does not see his own afflictions. This is also a commentary on the human condition – That some people have very sharp eyes to see the faults of others, yet they are totally blind to their own blemishes and shortcomings. However, the other side of the coin and sometimes even more...
damaging is — sometimes a person doesn’t see or recognize his or her own positive attributes. A person can be blessed with talents and abilities, yet the Yetzer Hora talks him into this inferiority complex which brings a person to sadness, depression and a feeling of worthlessness. Rather a person must sustain a healthy attitude about themselves. That under one hand, a person should be honest enough to see their own faults and where they need improvement, and on the other hand should recognize their positive points and feel and know they are somebody. Ultimately, man is endowed with limitless potential. We just have to be aware of the great treasure that lies within ourselves.

*Sefer: Noam Avraham.*

**Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!**

*Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein*

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**E-mail communication**

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The e-mail for Florence, our new receptionist/secretary, is florence@yicbh.org

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**WE ARE LOOKING FOR SHABBOS KIDDUSH SPONSORS**

With winter over and summer almost here, we are in the “slow season” for getting Kiddush sponsors. We are therefore asking our members and friends to sponsor a Kiddush over the coming months in commemoration of special family occasions (anniversaries, birthdays, yahrzeits, etc.) or just as a gesture of support to our shul. As a special bonus, Kiddush sponsorship cost now is at “summer rates”, so that the basic Shabbos Kiddush is an extremely affordable $700. Of course, more elaborate Kiddushim can still be sponsored. We thank all for your support of this wonderful Young Israel tradition that so greatly benefits us all by allowing us to socialize in our beautiful shul building – a place of Kedusha, holiness.
**Classes and Upcoming Events**

- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- Thursdays at 6:45PM – Beis Midrash Night.
- Monday, May 1, 2017 – Hebrew Academy Chinese Auction (RAFFLE), choose a prize you want to win and buy a ticket towards a raffle. To view, go to [http://hebrewacademyauction.org/](http://hebrewacademyauction.org/)

**Congregational Family and Shul News**

- Kiddush this Shabbos is co-sponsored: by Stuart Harris in celebration of his wonderful eishes chayil Penny's Birthday; and by Alice and Leonard Lekht commemorating the yahrzeit of Alice’s father Raphael ben Eliyahu z’l.
- Mazal Tov to Rabbi Moshe & Rena Gruenstein on the birth of their granddaughter Michal. Mazal Tov to the parents Yossi & Adina Klugman.
- We wish Refuah Shleima (speedy recovery) to Allen Packer (Alexander ben Esther Raizel).

**Youth Program - rabbifried@yicbh.org**

- Father & Child learning will take place upstairs during Seudah Shlishis with treats & prizes!
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please contact Rabbi Fried for timing and location details.
- End of the school year High School Shabbaton May 12-13. Please see flyer for details.
ATTENTION ALL MEN!

Please do not walk behind the 2 ladies’ sections during services. Please use side doors to enter and exit Sanctuary after 10:00 AM. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seuda Shlishis, please contact Stuart Harris or Yakira at (305) 866-0203.

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